

## M'CARTY SCARED?

Bombardier Wells' Manager Offers Mighty Good Terms.

Promises Second Fight if American Loses.

New York, Feb. 15.—In view of the refusal of Luther McCarty, through his manager, William McCarty, to accept an offer from Billy Gibson, manager of the Garden Athletic club, to box Bombardier Wells, the British heavyweight champion, in Madison Square Garden, Wells' manager, James Maloney, gave out a statement in which he says that Wells, having come here on the understanding that McCarty would be willing to sign for a match, he, Maloney, will now agree to take 55 per cent of the gross receipts and will guarantee McCarty \$10,000 in cash the moment he steps into the ring with Wells in Madison Square Garden.

"Any sane person," says Maloney, "knows that it is better to accept \$10,000 for a ten round bout than for a twenty or twenty-five round bout, for there is less chance of defeat. For that reason I can not see how McCarty can refuse this offer to box the British champion, who was defeated last year by Palmer."

Promise Him Second Fight. "If McCarty should be outpointed, according to the opinion of critics and in the absence of a decision in the Garden, we will also agree to fight him twenty rounds or more in California on a winner take all with a \$5,000 side bet.

"Wells is open to meet any man in the world, white or black, McCarty preferred. We are going to wait a few days for a definite answer from McCarty's manager and if the Garden Athletic club is unable to secure Gunboat Smith to box Wells we will go out on the road and publicly challenge McCarty in every big city where he is showing. Wells wants to prove that he is the best heavyweight in the world and we take this means of proving to the American sporting public we mean business."

"NOT YET," SAYS J. COULON.

Bantam Champ Not Ready to Meet Kid Williams.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Johnny Coulon doesn't know yet. The bantamweight champion has received some more telegrams from Tom McCarrey of Los Angeles regarding a battle with Kid Williams, winner of the battle there Wednesday afternoon, but so far has refrained from answering them. Johnny had another long conference with his physician, Dr. Stober, regarding his condition, and the doctor told him to keep on working along, but to dodge any long battles for at least a couple of months, first finding out how he was going to stand a severe test.

"You may be there strong and you may not," the doctor said. "The only way you can discover is to keep on working and then to get into some short battles which will give you a pretty good test. You seem to be sound enough, but it takes a real battle to tell."

This wasn't very satisfactory to the Logan Square boy, but he is going to act on the advice.

"It's a certainty Williams and I will do battle, but how soon I can not tell now," he said. "I'm working right along and will go a little harder gradually. Then I will take some short fights and see how I stand the grind. Until then I can not tell anything about a long fight with Williams."

"One thing is sure—they are not going to rush me into a hard fight until I am good and ready."

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—Although bantamweight champion, Johnny Coulon, had pledged himself to meet the winner of the Williams-Campbell battle, it is predicted in coast boxing circles that the Chicago boy will find some excuse to cancel the April date.

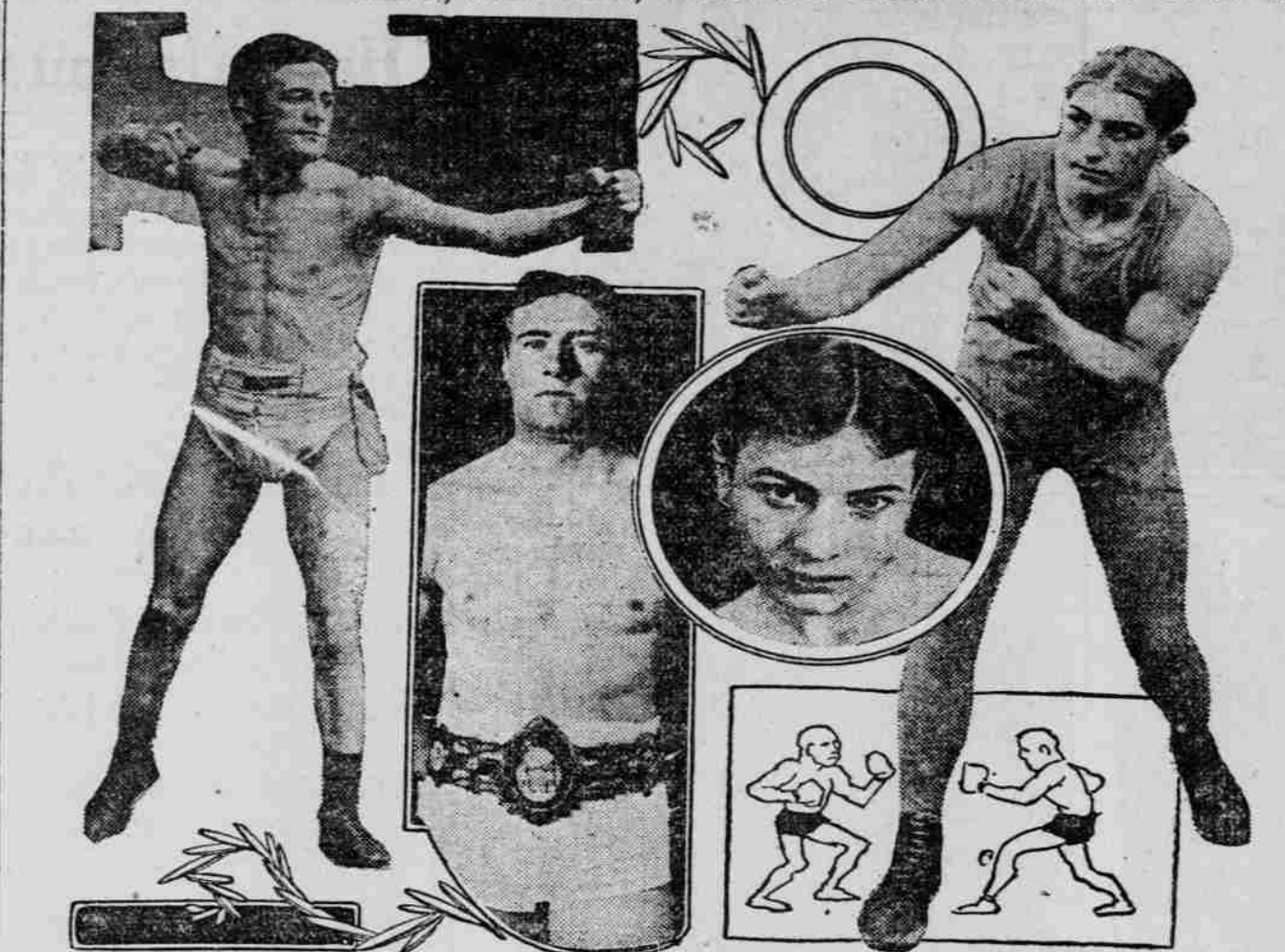
Sammy Harris, manager for Johnny Williams, is responsible for the general belief that Coulon fears the Baltimore youngster.

"We have left \$5,000 of our money with Promoter T. J. McCarrey," said Harris. "This sum goes as a present to Coulon the minute he signs to box Williams a twenty round bout for the world's title."

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Left to right: Jem Driscoll, Bombardier Wells, Chef Ledoux and George Carpenter.

Four renowned European pugilists intend soon to invade our shores. Bombardier Wells, Great Britain's best heavyweight; Chef Ledoux, French bantam champion; Jem Driscoll, English contender for the featherweight championship, and George Carpenter, ex-champion middleweight of Europe, compose the quartet.

The arrival of these renowned pugilists will be hailed with joy by American fight fans. With McCarty and Willie Ritchie on the vaudeville stage and Kibane's championship argument with Dundee two months away, there seems to be little doing in a big way so far as American fighters are concerned. The coming of the foreign pugs will put ginger into the game.

When Bombardier Wells came to America a year ago he impressed the

fans as a fighter worthy of consideration with the world's best. His defeat by Al Palmer dimmed his glory somewhat, but Wells' friends are not willing to agree that his defeat proved conclusively his inferiority to the Iowa. A few weeks later the Englishman knocked out Tom Kennedy in eight rounds, showing wonderful form. Wells is anxious to meet any or all of the American heavies, including McCarty.

Ledoux came to America last fall in search of a world's championship. He lost two of four bouts, showing that we have better bantam fighters on which to place our bets. Driscoll is anxious to meet the Clevelander, and if he does there will be an interesting argument. When Driscoll was over here three years ago he established a reputation second to none in the featherweight division. Engaging in nine fights on this side, he practically won them all, even defeating Abe Attell, featherweight king at that time.

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## TO PLAY ST. PAUL

Kaws Have Two Games Scheduled With A. A. Team.

March 22 and 23 Will Be Dates Here.

St. Paul, Feb. 15.—The training schedule of the St. Paul club of the American Association as given out last night shows the players will report at Excelsior Springs, Mo., March 10, for 12 days' practice.

March 22 and 23 they will meet the Topeka club of the Western League at Topeka and will play St. Joseph of the Western League March 23 and 24.

## WINTER SPORT NEWS.

Our old friend "Noisy" Bill Rapps, who played in bygone years in the outfield for Leavenworth and Oklahoma City has been signed for the first base job for the Kaws. William will be remembered as a peppy chap, who was famous in these parts before Doc Slively was separated from his Western Association team. He has played first base for the Portland club in the Pacific Coast League for four years and his club has finished with most of the time. He is a good player, not a 300 hitter, he hit .244 last year, but he's a good ball player and more fun than Bill Dwyer used to be.

Another Kaw trade is in the air and will likely be announced as soon as waivers are secured. The manager declines to discuss it at present. It is rumored, however, that this is the King trade in this column some time ago. The deal as mentioned at that time might prove a help to the Kaws, not because it removes King but because it brings a good man to another place on the squad.

And the Doin's at Lincoln are probably touching and tearful.

Baseball is off again and on again and off again at Washburn. Students want it. Following the two decisions of the board, one to have baseball and another not to, the students are petitioning the board for the game. The finance part of Washburn Athletics shows that basketball has run behind. A good way to keep up a deficit is to depend upon track work to put money in the treasury. Track work will draw almost as large a crowd as a switch engine working in railroad yards. The writer doesn't want to say that college baseball will pay in Topeka. But there are plenty of people in Kansas who say Washburn team can play to good money.

Too bad they don't have any .300 hitters in the Pacific Coast League. The record book shows that 25 men in the league hit more than .299 and that's getting fairly close to the .300 mark. Rapps, purchased by Topeka, hit .244.

Everybody is roasting Ad Wolgast for being a full brother to Clarence Closeclutch. It's all wrong. The day Ad fought Ritchie he was a full brother. He grabbed off \$12,000 he had his boy Pete McVeigh battle in one of the preliminaries. Pete received \$100 and Adolph only shared off \$25. He could have taken at last \$38 more if he wasn't a liberal guy.

Ladies and gentlemen, a letter from Scandia for your perusal. Read and be wised up: Sporting Editor, Topeka Journal: Referring to the little article which appeared in your issue regarding T. S. Doctor, who was given the decision over Hoffman in Topeka on the night of February 12, I note that you take exceptions and say this man's name is not Doctor. I wish to say that his name is T. S. Doctor, as represented by him, and that he lives on a farm just a few miles from Scandia, and that his brother is in business here in Scandia. I also wish to say that I will assure you that "Tommy" will meet all twisters that weigh anywhere near his weight. Now if there's anything you want to know about Doctor, just write him or any of his friends in Scandia. We all know him and lots of good things about his ability. Yours truly, R. A. COLLIER.

PLAYERS HELP KEEP ORDER.

Baseball Fraternity Seeks Recognition of Manager.

New York, Feb. 15.—Co-operation with the powers of baseball in maintaining discipline among major league players is offered by the baseball players' fraternity, organized recently with a large membership among the men of the National and American leagues. This was made known through a letter sent by David L. Fultz, president of the fraternity, to each of the sixteen major team managers.

The letter says that one purpose of the fraternity is to "install into the players a higher conception of their profession and a more serious regard for their contracts," and it will try "to induce our members to keep their selves in the best physical condition possible and at all times to give their employers the best service of which they are capable."

NICOLAI WINS BIG SHOOT.

Kills 24 Out of 25 Pigeons and Wins Tie.

Kansas City, Feb. 15.—George Nicolai, of this city, won the Great Western handicap shoot in which 26 marksmen of Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas participated here. Nicolai and F. Houghton of Nebraska, each killed 24 out of 25 live pigeons in the contest, but when they shot off the birds, Nicolai killed five, eight, while Houghton missed one bird.

About 900 live pigeons were killed and Louis A. Hatfield, field agent for the Humane society, attended the tourney to see if the marksmen were complying with the law requiring that no wounded birds were left to die. As several boys were employed to kill the wounded birds as rapidly as they fell, Mr. Hatfield made no complaint. The dead pigeons were sold to hotels and commission firms.

K. U. BEATS TIGER TEAM.

Missouri Five No Match for Whirlwind Kats.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 15.—The Kansas university basketball team defeated the University of Missouri here by a score of 25 to 12.

At the start the game was decidedly close and it was only fast floor work and accurate passing of the local team that gave them the victory. During the first several minutes of play there was no score. Finally Weaver hooked a basket for Kansas and from that time the locals led.

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## ENGLISH FIGHTERS LAST LONGER THAN AMERICAN; OFTEN STICK FIFTEEN YEARS



Freddie Welsh (left), Johnny Summers (upper right), and Owen Moran.

There seems to be no particular reason why English boxers should last longer than American. But they do. It isn't anything uncommon for an English pug to stick to the game fifteen years. How many American fighters can you think of who have lasted more than seven or eight?

Johnny Summers and Jem Driscoll, who are respectively the welterweight and the featherweight champions of Europe, have been in the game since 1900. They are still going and apparently have several years apiece yet in the fistic arena. Owen Moran has been in the game thirteen years and is still a lightweight of renown in Great Britain. Digger Stanley has been meeting all comers since 1901, and is still in shape. Freddie Welsh, after eight years of battle, is lightweight champion of England.

On the other hand, Abe Attell, who first entered the ring in 1900, has been lost to view; Jimmy Walsh, who started in a year later, was through two years ago; Jim Flynn, whose fighting career has spread over eleven years, is about ready to throw up the mitts. Jimmy Britt's career extended over seven years. Hugo Kelly, Tony Caponi, Young Erne, Young Donohue and Matty Baldwin who entered the game not so very long ago are now mostly back numbers as pugilists.

Two American fighters, however, have made records that do not look puny in comparison with the English. Tommy Murphy has remained at tip-top form for ten years participating in scores of contests. Battling Nelson is on his seventeenth year in the arena and is still dangerous.

It cannot be said of the English boxers that they retain their efficiency for a longer time because they participate in fewer contests than do the Americans. Moran in thirteen years has worked 3,112 rounds; Stanley, 404 rounds; Welsh, 713 rounds; and Summers, 601 rounds. Driscoll alone has been rather inactive, participating in only fifty-one bouts, but the others have fought often and frequently have traveled the long distance routes.

## FRICTION MAY KILL TIGERS' CHANCES; PLAYERS TO SULK IF COBB GETS RAISE



George Moriarty and Oscar Stange.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Baseball conditions in Detroit are not such as to cause songs of joy and thanksgiving to rise to the lips of Owner Navin and his boxers. Hughie Jennings of the Tigers, instead, melancholy claims them as her own, for it looks as if internal friction would effectively kill off any chances which the Tigers might otherwise have. Especially will this be true of Navin, conceding Ty Cobb the increase in salary which the Georgia Peach so devoutly yearns.

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and keep the other salaries stationary will make a lot of other players exceedingly sore. Sam Crawford, Oscar Stange, George Moriarty and Edgar Willet are among those who won't like it a bit. So it looks as if discussion would rend the team and keep it well down in the second division.